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In re Application of  
Genovese et al.  
Application No. 09/528,083  
Filed: March 17, 2000  
Attorney Docket No. MATP-592US

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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 22, 2004.

The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the non-final Office action mailed July 9, 2003. This Office action set a three month shortened statutory period for reply, with extensions of time obtainable under § 1.136(a). No extension of time having been obtained and no reply received, the instant application became abandoned effective October 10, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 28, 2004.

The instant petition includes the required reply in the form of an amendment and the required statement of unintentional delay. The petition fee of \$1,330 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 18-0350, as authorized.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 2614 for consideration of the amendment.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0309.

  
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